

Welcome to BajaToms! (Jan 17th, 2025)

We want to make sure you have a great time here in our home! We love sharing our love for Cabo and hope you have an amazing time.

If you rented on a platform Airbnb, Vrbo, or Casago, our property manager / host should be your first contact if you need anything at all. If no response please contact our property manager Karla at Casago on whatsapp at +52 638 116 5148. If for any reason you are unable to get a hold of someone or need further assistance please reach out to us on Facebook Messenger. (BajaToms) or email us at Info@bajatoms.net

If you booked directly from us please contact Tommy Gerbic or Tommy O'Neill by texting the number they provided.

Please follow us on Facebook @bajatoms. (We have many great tips and recommendations on our Facebook page)

Use the directions in part 2

Baja Toms
CLL San Miguel EDI Condominio 311 Ventanas del Cabo Norte 3B
23454 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico



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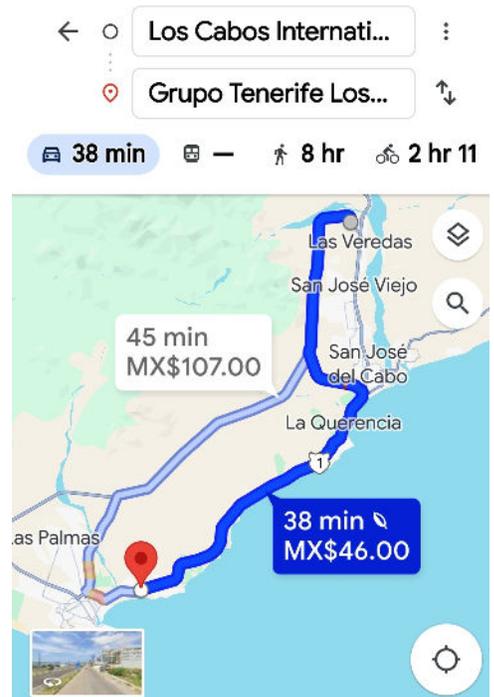
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2. Directions to BajaToms

See the sections on Navigating the Airport 7d and Car rental or uber 7c

Shuttles, Taxis and car rental shuttles can be found just outside the door.

Once you arrive at the airport and get outside here is the best way to get to the unit. Sometimes Ubers, transports, cabs get lost or go the wrong way. So it is best if you open google maps and direct them. Or follow these directions if you rented a car.



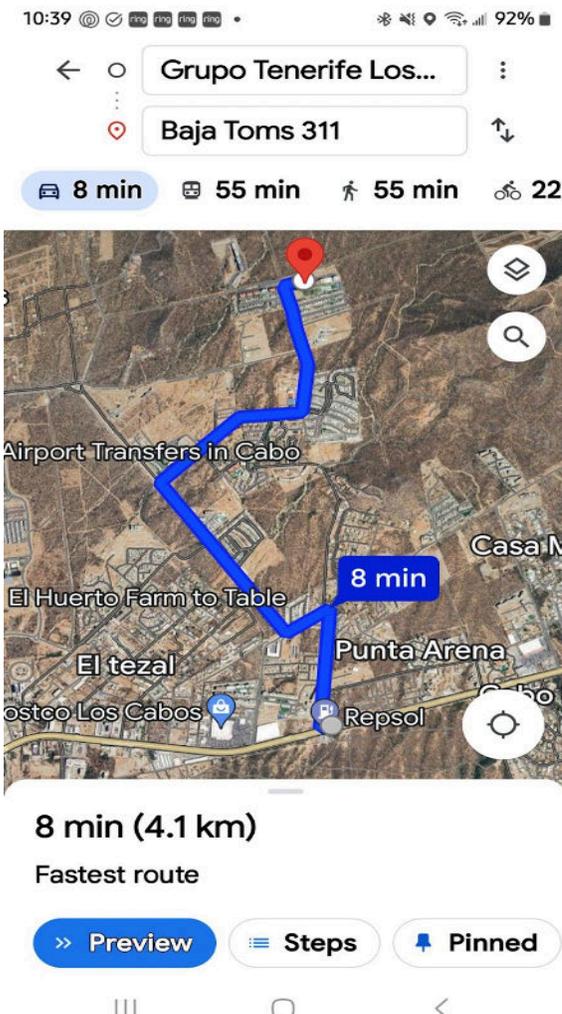
It gets a bit tricky here is the best route

Google maps to Grupo Tenerife Los Cabos (Granite shop)

Then when you get real close google maps to BajaToms

This route will take you the best and shortest way. From SJD airport you will pass through a toll. Ticket then pay. Approximately \$3 us CASH ONLY. On highway one toward San Jose, through the round-a-bout. You will drive highway one in the hotel corridor. It's around a 40 minute drive.

We are in Ventanas Phase 3b towers. Top of the hill. Last gate on your right.



3) General Instructions

a) When you arrive



We have a security gate where at your arrival they will get your information and may ask for or copy your IDs. We highly suggest downloading google translate or similar as most of our security team does not speak english.

Make sure you are at the right gate! It's on the right at the top of the hill. There are many Ventanas communities, we are in phase 3b towers (not houses). It must say "Ventanas De Cabo Norte " see directions section for more.

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We are in the third building, going up one flight (stairs or elevator). Turn left. The unit is at the end of the hall. Clearly marked “BajaToms”. So 311. Building 3, floor 1 (up one from ground), unit 1

Emergency Numbers: 911

Fire Department / Bomberos +52 624 189 1082 , +52 624 143 3577

Municipal Police +52 624 146 7600 or +52 142 2835

Caligas (Gas Compnay) +52 624 142 0122

H+ Hospital (DO NOT USE ST. LUKES) +52 624 104 9300



b) Parking

Our parking spots are clearly marked 311 near the middle of the open area after our building (building 3). Marked with “P” on picture above. You will be provided a door code prior to arrival (see door instructions 2c). **Please keep the unit locked at all times.**

Have a beer or a shot of tequila! After all your in Cabo, #nobaddays!

c) Water / Gas

Our unit uses a water cistern. Once you get settled in, **we suggest that you take a picture of the water level in our cistern and send it to your host.** Look for the big green grate with 311 marked on it near the parking spots. - We want to make sure you have enough water. When low we have to order a truck for you which takes 3-24 hours and they are closed on Sundays. We don't want you to run out but also don't want to refill the cistern until it is $\frac{1}{3}$ empty or less. Please monitor the water level daily and report to your host every few days or if you think it's getting low. Water (& gas trucks) usually will arrive within 24 hours of ordering.

Please conserve water, Cabo is a desert in paradise, water here is like gold. or so. Typically a truck or cistern lasts a week for 2 people. Most renters never get past the first ordered truck. Ways you can help: Take fast showers. Please limit shower lengths to 5 minutes. Never leave water running while cleaning dishes or brushing teeth. Run the dishwasher only when full. We have a brand new, small washer and dryer combo. See section Please use the ECO cycle. We will provide the first water truck needed. Extra trucks are \$75 each. Water trucks do not run on Sundays. If excessive water is used, you will be required to pay an additional fee of \$75 per truck. If you limit your water usage you should be fine.



Our dryer and hot water tank run on natural gas which is located on the roof of the building. We have this checked prior to each check in so you should be all set. Any issues with the dryer or hot water please reach out to your host. (washer & dryer instructions see 2f)

d) Condo & HOA Rules and use

Check in time is 3:00 - Check out time is 11:00 AM.

Keep in mind you are going to stay at our house, not a hotel or resort. Just as if it was your own, there are going to be things to buy for your stay. You may end up replacing batteries or something silly just as if you were at home. We do not provide extra toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish washer detergent, or extra bedding. Feel free to use any paper and soap products left behind by prior guests and feel free to leave unused behind for future guests. (There is a Soriana, Super Walmart, Fresko, Home Depot and Cosco all within 5 minutes of the condo. We recommend going shopping on day one to pick up your supplies for the week.)

Please do not rearrange the furniture and avoid removing any items from the condo. Everything is inventoried and any missing items will be charged.

Please do not disturb the locked closets in the bedrooms. (Nothing in there of value, owner's toothbrushes, underwear etc.)

We understand accidents happen, please report any damages.

HOA maintains a zero-tolerance policy on physical violence, you do not want to spend a night in Mexican jail! Any sign of threatening behavior will cause removal from property and no refund given. No noise over 50 db after 10pm.

Beach towels are not provided. Please bring with you. Any missing or damaged towels from the unit will be charged to you. **DO NOT TAKE POOL TOWELS TO BEACH. DO NOT HANG ANYTHING ON THE BALCONY RAILING (WET CLOTHES) against HOA rules.**

Unit holds 6 guests total. Please no unlisted guests. No Pets.

No smoking inside, (permitted on patio) ashtrays in kitchen cabinet.

e) Door Lock & Sliders

You will be provided a 4 digit door code prior to arrival.

To unlock the door press the 4 digits and you will hear the dead bolt open. To lock the door from the inside, turn the toggle. To lock the door from the outside simply press the button with the lock picture on it.

Keep the door shut and locked at all times regardless if you are in the unit. (Arbnb people get lost and will occasionally try to open the wrong doors). Also the door will slam shut with wind pretty hard if you leave it open.

The back of the door lock should slowly blink green. If it is blinking fast red and beeping it means the batteries need to be replaced. It uses 4AA. There is a phillips screwdriver normally in the top right kitchen island drawer. To change the batteries. Open the door, remove the two screws on either side of the back plate. Slide the plate off, change batteries and screw cover back on.

The sliders open up to expose the whole patio. **Please keep screens closed** and if they get “sticky” you can broom out the tracks (broom by washer) and spray WD-40 in tracks. (in bottom right island door). **Don't lock yourself out! Keep glass sliders closed and locked when you are not in condo.**

f) Ring doorbell camera

We have a ring camera doorbell. We may ask you to recharge the battery. To do so carefully remove the tape and small rubber band. Tilt the unit forward to remove. There should be a charging box and orange cord in the island top right drawer.

g) Air Conditioning

Each room has its own AC unit. The controllers are often located in the kitchen island drawer. All 3 controllers work on all units. 22c = 73.4f. While using the AC please keep all the windows and doors closed. **Please turn off AC units when you leave the property for the day** and turn it back on when you are in the condo and cooling is needed. Keep bedroom doors closed and only run AC units when in the bedrooms. Keep the master bedroom bath door closed. Keep shades drawn during the day when not in unit. Turn AC off when not in rooms or not in the unit. They work quickly when isolated so no need to run when you are not there. Like water, electricity is high here and we monitor usage. The unit gets very nice cool breezes nearly year-round (Oct-June). Sometimes you can take advantage of this by opening windows in the day and evening. Make yourself comfortable. Please double check that the AC is turned off and all windows and doors are locked when you are checking out.

h) Water purification unit

The entire unit uses a UV water sterilization unit. Water is safe to drink although bottled tastes better. (It is located in the outer utility closet)

i) Garbage

The garbage is picked up Mon, Wed, Fri, from the can in the outer hall utility closet. This is the first door on the right when exiting our unit. **Please empty garbage daily from the kitchen and only use the can marked 311 in the utility closet. Make sure bags are tied shut.**

j) Critters

We have the unit treated for insects monthly. In general there are less insects in Cabo than in most states. However you may see a few geckos, beetles, small ants, and or palmetto bugs on the patio or even inside. They get in from open doors and windows (keep screens closed) or up the drains. (keep covered). Palmetto bugs like to crawl up patio columns and in the shower drains. The Geckos are harmless and in fact eat the small ants, say hello and leave them alone. The small ants are attracted to small food and liquids around the sink and countertops. Best to dispose of all food and drink into the waste containers and remove them when full into the outer hallway garbage. There is usually a can of bug spray on the patio or under the sink. It is a good idea to spray around the perimeter of the patio at night, before bed, every 2 or 3 days, with emphasis on the drainage areas as that is where they crawl up.

k) Drains

The shower drains have a water trap that tends to dry out if the condo hasn't been used in a few days. This can result in a sewer-like odor. To minimize this run the shower for a minute or two and then pour a bleach/water mixture into the drain(s). We usually keep some in the utility closet if not you can grab them at Walmart or any general store. **Please cover the drain when not in use and keep the cover on the patio drain to help prevent bugs.**

l) Kitchen / Oven

The kitchen is fully equipped with a full-size refrigerator (with filtered water and ice maker in the door), wine refrigerator, toaster, blender, coffee pot (uses standard filters) full complement of dishes as glassware. We have plenty of kitchenware, to conserve water please only run the dishwasher when it is full. Please keep the wine fridge set to 12 / 5 c.

Please note there is not a food disposer. Place all food in the garbage. Not in the sink drain or dishwasher.



We have a gas stove with an oven. To light the burners, turn the correct dial and press the star button. To light the oven, depress and hold the temperature dial (marked grill) and press the star

button (igniter). Make sure gas is turned off after use. Runs on propane (like the dryer and water tank).

m) Grill

We have a propane gas grill on the patio. Please make sure the knobs AND tank valves are closed after use. Utensils in the kitchen.

n) Dishwasher

Please run the dishwasher only when full. To conserve we recommend quick wash without the heat dry. **Only use dishwasher detergent** (not liquid dish soap)

o) Washer & Dryer

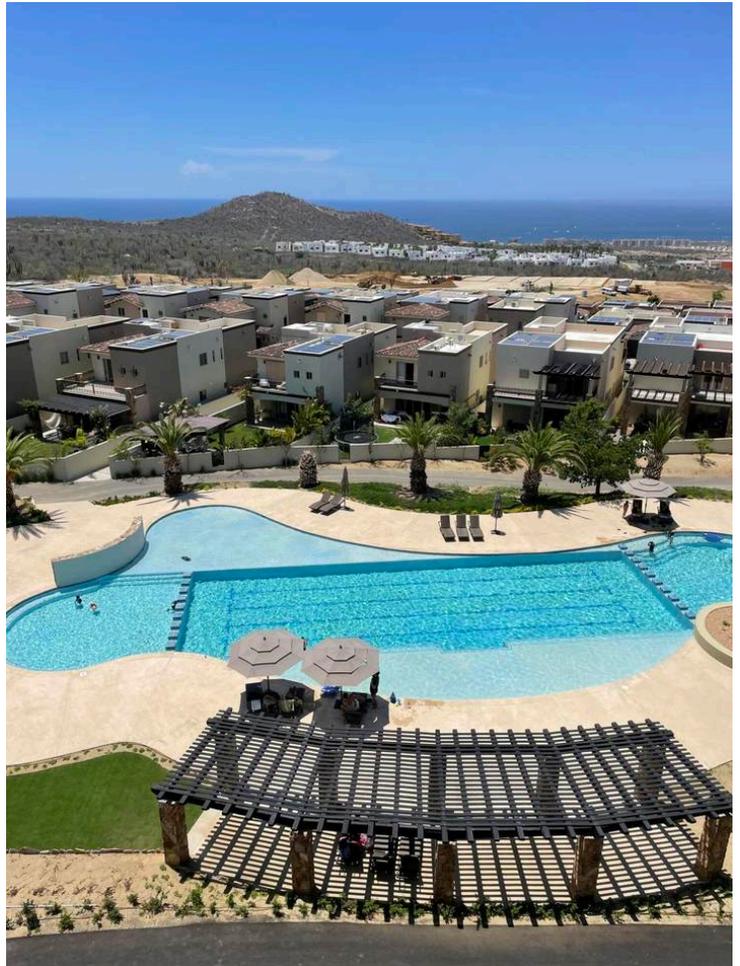
Tips for using the washer and dryer. The dryer runs on propane and takes a bit longer to dry than we are used to. **Do only small to medium loads.** For the washer use Express mode and set the “Select Cycle” to Eco mode. Set temperature to “tap Cold”. For the dryer we suggest “Easy Care” “More Dry” for most loads. Although we do not suggest doing loads of towels the “Cotton” “Optimum” setting works best for towels or bulky items.

p) TV & WiFi

We have a smart TV. If you have a firestick, take it and it’s remote with you. There are HDMI inputs on the right side of the TV and you can use the TV’s remote to change the input. Or you can log into your services such as Netflix, Hulu or Amazon from the home screen. (We do not have TV service). **DO NOT REBOOT/RESET OR UNPLUG MODEM. WiFi Login info is on the modem.**

g) Our Pool

Our pool is located just east of our unit (you can see it to the left from our balcony. You can access the pool from the dirt area between us at building 5 by walking down the dirt path that goes to the right then toward the pool or by walking down the concrete access toward the playground and down the steps. Our pool is not heated and is very refreshing in the summer months but can be very chilly from **Nov-Feb**. (Note: for past renters we are no longer affiliated with Venatans 3A and can not use their amenities or pool.)



4) Fun Stuff - Tips and recommendations

In the back side of the island we have frisbees, a small six pack cooler, books, floaties and snorkel gear you are welcome to use. There are tennis rackets, tennis balls, poker chips, cards, chess and a few other games in the chests. There are two small beach chairs next to the washer. Feel free to leave a book and take a book.

Our guests and us have amassed a travel magnet collection. Bring one with you from your favorite place and place it on our fridge!

There are hiking trails behind our unit and you can even climb Mount Solimar near the marina. Be careful of rattlesnakes if hiking, best to hike in the late morning. Do not hike at dusk or after dark.

a) Booking excursions

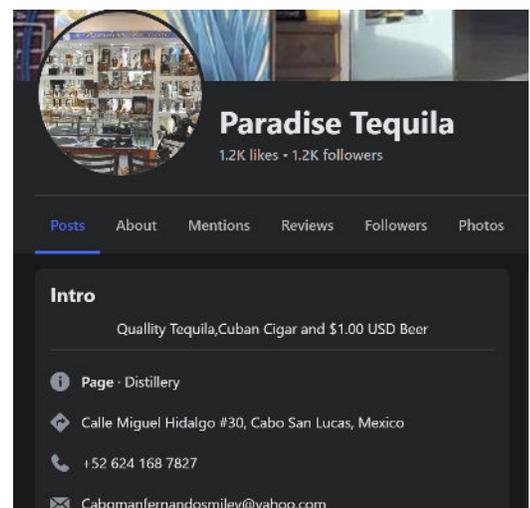
Cabo is the land of adventure. Golf, zip lining, kayaking, jet skis, fishing, ATV riding, horse and camel riding, parasailing, hang gliding, Sunset cruises, Catamarans, booze cruises, private yacht rentals and very important tequila tastings!

For all of these, **we very highly recommend visiting or PM Fernando Java at Paradise Tequila** (downtown Cabo San Lucas). He takes great care of all of our family and friends and can make sure you get a fair deal, not ripped off on all of this. And his tequila is top notch. **(He's on facebook as Cabo Man Fernando Smiley and Whats app +52 624 168 7827.)**

For Fishing we recommend booking with Fernando or Rene Audigier (also on facebook) and Whatsapp +52 453 101 7129. Tell them both BajaToms sent you.



Cabo Man Fernando Smiley



b) Bars Restaurants and hangouts: Some our favorite places

Downtown/Marina Area

Paradise Tequila – Go talk to Fernando, Friend of ours and great guy, Name drop Baja Toms (Tommy). Great contact for excursions, good deals. Try some great Extra Anejo, your life will never be the same! He's on What's App also +52 624-168-7827.

Monkey's Cave Business Bar – Best Margaritas on the planet and live music on the weekends. The owner's name is Rudy. Tell him you are Tommy's friend. Near Giggling Marlin and Jungle Bar.

Cabo Wabo – A must, put Cabo on the map. Best to go later. Live music every night. Never know if Sammy Hagar or one of his friends might show up. Pricey , good food.

Mama's Royal Café- Best breakfast spot, American and Mexican.

Cabo Cantina- Near marina, great for football games/ sporting events, make reservations the day before and they will save you a table. Free Valet Parking next to Play Win Casino.

Invita Bistro* – Great, authentic Italian (yep in Mexico) highly recommended. Wilkes Plaza, by the way, the Friday night art walk directly in front is great.

Mi Casa* – Good Mexican food, big place. Wilkes Plaza.

Casa Mole - Best mole ever, next to Mi Casa, no alcohol, great lunch spot.

¡Bardo fuego y canciones - Great pizza! Late night, often jazz music. Near Wilkes Plaza

Luna Italia- Up the hill near Pedregal. Good food, great view.

Fuego- Great little place for grilled meats Argentinian style. House Mezcalritas are great. On Miguel Hidalgo a bit north of Wilkes Plaza.

Outpost- Cool drink spot near the west end of the marina on paseo del marina. Owned by Flora Farms. Great craft cocktails, food, nice rooftop.

Misiones de Kino - Cute place, great staff, old church. Restaurant with a small bar.

J&J Cigars and rum bar close to the Cabo Wabo is great for smokes, rum drinks, and friendly staff.

Los Tres Gallos*- Similar to Mi Casa but higher end service, open air dining, great place.

Edith's*- Mexican higher end version of the Office, owned by the same people. Make reservations.

The Office on the Beach* – Pretty much the first known place in Cabo. Great history. A must, we like to hit it in the morning or when at the beach for lunch. They have valet. So you can go for brunch and then hit the beach. Sometimes busy, you should make reservations.

Baja Rooftop Brewery – American style brewery, good beers and pub food, great view of beach and marina.

Caboy's- Fun bar, dive bar type, friendly owner and staff, great place to end the night or just stop for a drink. The bartender is Santo, owner Carlos. Great people. Tell them your friends of ours. (Tommy)

Mother Flower - Near the Cabo Wabo. Great little place for Mexican, try the lamb chops.

Casa Martin - Cute place, very good food.

Roof top 360 - Amazing view! At the Corazan. Great pool. DJs. A must!

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Kauil - Great Mexican grill. Very good Molcajetes (like fajitas served in a bowl)

The New Funky Olive - Located in the marina near the Puerto Paraiso Mall - Offers some of the best Sushi in Cabo along with a diverse menu featuring burgers, sandwiches and more. Try the breaded and fried olives. One of our favorite stops in the marina.

Cassola Cafe & Brunch - Best breakfast in downtown Cabo. Downtown near the Oceans Point unit. You can park in the dirt lot across the street.

Every Friday night there is an art walk at the plaza Amila Wilkes on Calle Miguel Hidalgo just in front of a lot of our favorite places listed above. 5-9 pm. Cool fair like vibe. (Monkey's, Invita, Caboys).

Joe's Garden - Enjoyable little place just steps from our Oceans Point property, Sushi & Pizza, both pretty good. Open late.

Bagatelle @ Breathless Resort - Unique Experience - Waiter's Sing - Food very good - a little pricey.

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Ventanas/El Tezal, Corridor, San Jose

Flora Farms**- San Jose Del Cabo. Organic farm to table restaurant and farm, Brewery and wine store on site. Great food, good pizzas, a complete experience, go early and stay late.

Mona Lisa Sunset** – High end, fancy, upscale, good food and best views in Cabo, make reservations. There is also a scaled-down bar there called the Jazz Bar that is a bit less pricey with great views.

Sakow Sushi- Close to Friendly Market, they deliver too, Owner is Kim 624-240-9921.

Cabo Grill Shop- Next to Plaza Novva. Great breakfast / lunch food. Outdoors.

Taba BBQ- Close to Wilkes Plaza and the Cabo Wabo.

Punto Mar- Plaza Nouva, great seafood, unique twists.

El Huerto Farm to table**- A must! Organic, high end, beautiful grounds, go for sunset. +52 624 211 947.

Infusion Art Cafe- Good pizza, close to the condo near Officemax.

Torote Restaurant** by Valle del Sol- farm to table, beautiful.

Toro*- Known for steak and sushi, celebrities hang out.

RosaNegra*- A lot like Toro, just a minute farther east. pricey but good steak and seafood. Great fun cocktails. They do a cool fire show at 9PM. Best to go around 7:30 PM. Make reservations online. Pricey.

Ledge at the Capes - In the Capes Thompson hotel. Great view, good food and service, modern and clean. Expensive.

Higos Y Olivos (Figs & Olives) - Across highway 1 close to El Tezal. Salads, Soups, Tacos and apps. Authentic Home Cooked Mexican "Farm to table" - Owner is the cook - Excellent food - very reasonable

Trattoria Da Pietro - Italian in Plaza Novva (Italian owned) very good.

Shopping, groceries & supplies

If you're a coffee drinker the Cabo Coffee Company is great, take some home. You can find it at most grocery stores. Great little shop at Plaza Novva also.

Real McCoy- Best (real) jewelry store is in the Marina at cruise ship dock near Senor Frogs. Tony is the owner, ask for Peppe, nice sales guy.

Mr. Mustache's gifts- Best for Cabo junk. Next to Paradise Tequila (2 stores, one on each side) tell Alvaro Baja Toms sent you.

Mezcla clothing, Wilkes Plaza near InVita. High quality dresses, Italian imports and houseware.

Luna Beauty Center Plaza Novva #3 (624)211-65-45 lunebeautycentermx-close, good for manicures and such.

Lili Calderon will come to the unit for messages whats app +52 624 215 3124*

La Turquesa Jewelry - Carlo, tell him Baja Toms sent you. Very nice real jewelry. Honest.

Near the Ventanas unit is a brand new Soriana Hiper Tezal great for groceries, beer and household supplies. Also close are Costco, Home Depot, XOXO (quick mart), Fresko (groceries), and the Friendly Organic Market (food, beer, snacks).

Check out Plaza Novva - many small shops and eateries. Has the closest coffee shop, smoothie place, and a quick medical clinic.

**** We recommend making reservations weeks in advance.**

*** Reservations may be needed when busy.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TELL US YOURS! Please leave a review on Facebook and note in our journal

c) Beaches

Medano- The main beach near the marina. Active and alive. Usually crowded with many vendors. We like to have brunch at The Office* and use the valet, then spend the afternoon on Medano Beach. From here you can take a water taxi to Lovers Beach and the connected Divorce Beach (pacific side, un-swimmable for most swimmers because of undertows). Before you get the car you can have a late lunch on the Baja Brewery rooftop.

Tabasco Beach- Basically the east end of Medano beach, cheap parking, easy in and out.



Santa Maria Beach- Pictured left. Close to the condo, no vendors, relaxed, our favorite semi-secluded beach. a bit rocky but a great place to get away or take kids. Pack lunch and drinks. Public parking and facilities.

Great snorkeling.

Chileno Bay Beach- Voted one of the best in Cabo. Good for snorkeling.

Viudas Beach- Small beach just west of Santa Maria Beach, nice for a picnic.

If you plan a drive to Todo Santos or La Paz it is best to travel by day and make sure to take **PICTURES** of your passports and tourist visas. (The piece you got from immigration) as they periodically set up checkpoints.

Check out and follow our Facebook page for more tips, fun and recommendations. @BAJATOMS

5. Checking out

Check in for flight, fill out any required information (sometimes sent by email). **If you don't have Global Entry download the MPC (Mobile Passport Control) app and follow instructions.** This will save you a lot of time when you go through immigration in the states.

Nothing crazy to do here. **Check out is 11:00 AM**

Place all trash in outer hall closet garbage can

Make sure all AC units are off and all windows closed.

Lock unit on way out

Place dirty towels in the washer and start a cycle. See Washer instructions section 2p.

If there are many dirty dishes please run the dishwasher. See instructions section 2n

Please send a picture of the water cistern level to your host.

If you rented a car we recommend leaving the unit 3 hours before your flight. If you are ubering open the app in advance to check the availability. If using an uber or private car we suggest a pick up of no later than 2.5 hours before your departure time.

6. Planning your trip

a) When to go

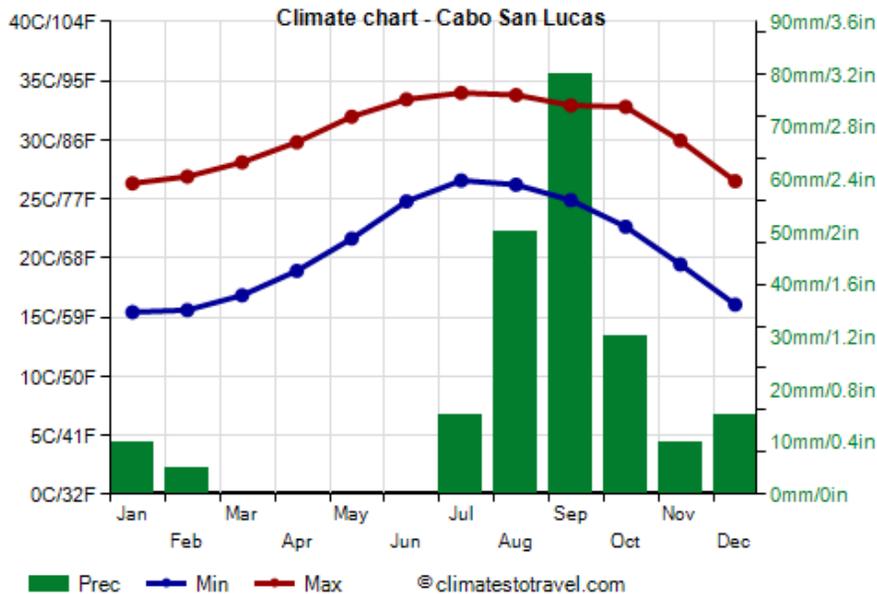
While there is not really a bad time to go to Cabo it depends on what you are looking for in your adventure. **Generally speaking Mid-October to June is best.**

Nov-Feb are cooler but great escapes for vacationers and are in the high season.

March-May are the busiest times in Cabo. Spring breakers and vacationers galore.

July and August can be brutally hot but still fun.

September to mid October you can be dodging storms.



Fishing is great almost all year but especially in July - November for Dorado and Marlin. Rooster fish's high season is June. **For Fishing we recommend booking with Fernando or Rene Audigier (also on facebook) and Whatsapp +52 453 101 7129.** Tell them both BajaToms sent you.

FISH CHART		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	BLACK MARLIN	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	LOW	LOW	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
	BLUE MARLIN	FAIR	LOW	LOW	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	BEST	BEST	BEST	BEST	GOOD	GOOD
	STRIPED MARLIN	BEST	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD						
	SAILFISH	FAIR	LOW	LOW	LOW	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	BEST	BEST	BEST	GOOD
	MAHI MAHI	GOOD	FAIR	LOW	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	BEST	BEST	BEST	BEST	BEST	GOOD
	WAHOO	BEST	FAIR	LOW	LOW	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	BEST	BEST	BEST	BEST
	YELLOWFIN TUNA	FAIR	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	BEST	BEST	BEST	BEST
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	BONITO	GOOD											
	SIERRA MACKEREL	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	BEST	BEST	BEST	GOOD	LOW	LOW	GOOD
	AMBERJACK	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BEST	BEST	GOOD	FAIR	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
	CABRILLA SEA BASS	LOW	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	BEST	BEST	GOOD	FAIR	LOW	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR

Second week of October is Sammy Hagar's bday bash which brings both people and celebrities to Los Cabos.

b) Booking airfare

A few tips when booking to SJD. San Jose Del Cabo airport. Use whatever search engine you are comfortable with. Kayak, Travelocity, Priceline to get some ideas. Once you find an interesting route/fair, **book it directly on that airline's website.** This way if there are any delays or cancellations you can deal with them directly. All those other sites are a pain because they are a middle man. From the midwest we like to fly through Texas as it is a more direct route with a break in the middle.

c) Uber or Rent a car?

To Uber or not to uber, that is the question. Many ask whether to rent a car or use Uber and taxis. There are few things that may help you make this decision. First of all understand taxis and Ubers are all over Cabo so if you don't feel comfortable renting a car there's no reason that you have to. **Uber is not allowed to enter SJD airport for pick ups. So if you are not renting a car you will have to choose between a Taxi or a shuttle.** Our place, Baja Toms, like most hotels and resorts, are about 40 minutes from the airport. If you take a shuttle you will often have to stop at multiple places on the way. For not much more than the price of a taxi or shuttle you can pre-arrange a private pick up to and from the airport. We highly recommend **Juan Paublo from Need a Ride for groups of 4 or more. On facebook as Need a Ride? And Whats app +52 624 129 9698. For groups of 3 or less Maravilla PrivateTransportation on facebook and whats app +52 624 237 2356.** They are dependable, friendly and know where we live! Lol.

Ubers and taxis are very available in Cabo and the roads are tricky to say the least. If you don't want to deal with the hassle of driving, gas (expensive in Cabo) and paying for parking (hard to find in Cabo), You can uber and taxi everywhere.

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If you plan to stay in the unit and on the grounds relaxing and enjoying the pool and you don't plan on leaving much I would not rent a car. However if you are an adventurer and like to get out a lot a see cabo a car is a great idea. Unfortunately renting a car in Cabo is not as simple as in the States and sometimes can be a rip off and very frustrating. Please listen to our advice on car rentals. These suggestions can save you a ton of money and aggravation.

First and most important. **Do not book with Priceline, Travelocity or any of those secondary market platforms.** When you get there you will often find that the prepaid amount is only part of the rental cost and they will hit you with mandatory insurance, extra insurance and make you put a hold on your credit card large enough to cover the value of the vehicle! Please understand that most rental car places in Cabo are franchises and your US based customer service phone lines will provide no assistance. Also be aware if you use a brand name rental company and you don't prepay or have the prepay option you are not guaranteed a car. Third party insurance is mandatory in Mexico and this fee is normally NOT included in quotes from the internet sites. Almost no US and Canadian auto coverage applies to Mexico, (you can double check this with your agent). Also **check your credit card benefits, while many will cover US rental insurance most do not apply in Mexico. There are a few that do, like The Venture X card and the American Airlines Executive to name a few.** You will need a letter of confirmation of coverage to waive the supplemental insurance. These can be obtained by calling the credit card's benefits number and they usually can provide the letter in an email. Okay so confused yet? Well here is where it gets easier... We have had very good success with BBB Car Rental Cabo. They take most of the headache out of car rentals. Ask for Ruben Montaña USA Number 619 981-9796. You can go to their website and request a quote or you can email directly your requested dates and car type desired to bbbrentacar@gmail.com. They are located on rental car row near the airport. Grab a taxi from the airport stand and they will pay your fare. Most other rental car companies have a shuttle. Walk straight out of the airport and they will be straight ahead holding signs. If you decide after arriving in Cabo that you desire a rental car I would hit up Ferando Jara (from Paradise Tequila) he can help you get a car in Cabo.

d) Parking and driving in Cabo

Parking in downtown San Lucas can be a challenge. Street parking is hard to find. First Cabo uses painted curbs to identify who and what can park there. White is open/free parking. Blue is a handicap space. Yellow is Taxi only. Green (this is the confusing one) is a loading/customer zone, check with the business it is in front of to see if you are permitted to park there. Red is no parking. You will often see the police ticketing and people moving cars in front of them to avoid a ticket. No this isn't a forsure thing but most streets don't get ticketed after 7 pm. You can with the business to be sure, but as a general rule of thumb don't park in red areas. Also US and Canadian handicap passes are not valid in Mexico however you may get away with it. Probably not worth the risk.

Now for the good news... There are many pay lots available. Here are some of the bigger and better located ones. There is a public lot at the Marina (Google map to. 101 Margarita's Bar by Tesoro) outdoor, pay by the hour when you leave. This lot is large, outside, so easy in and out. Pay by the hour. They give Peso change. This lot is close to the Marina and also to Wilkes Plaza and many of Cabo's downtown places are within walking distance. There are more & cheaper lots if you keep going toward and past the Dolphin building. Parking at the Mall attached to the marina is the least expensive. (Google map to Puerto Parasio Parking) Large garage. Take your ticket with you and pay at machines inside the mall before you leave. Machines only take small Mexican bills and coins. Or they have a cashier on the way out with usually a longer line to exit. There is a dirt lot by the main Cabo Wabo entrance on Vicnete Guerrero that is usually charged, sometimes free. There is a small steep garage at Plaza Alamar near Caboy's bar and close to all the great places on Calle Miguel Hidalgo.

The locals and tourists can't seem to figure out how a round-a-baout works and treat like a 4 way stop. Also some streets downtown that don't have stop signs. take turns going like a 4 way stop. There also are speed bumps, potholes, and the highway has weird off "ramps"and often you have to backtrack or go up and under or under the highway.

Tickets- Often the Municipal Police will take your rear plate as "collateral" for payment. In the event this happens to you here is how you get it back. Drive up to the main police admin building, located 2 km past the Pemex heading out north of town. It's on the right. Go to the office marked "Infracciones" they will process your ticket, send you through a door where your fine is assessed. Take your form three doors down to the "Cajas" to make your payment. The 3d door down is not marked "cajas" on the outside, just go in thru towards the back and you'll see the appropriate area. Once paid, take your forms back to the very first office and the lady will get your plate

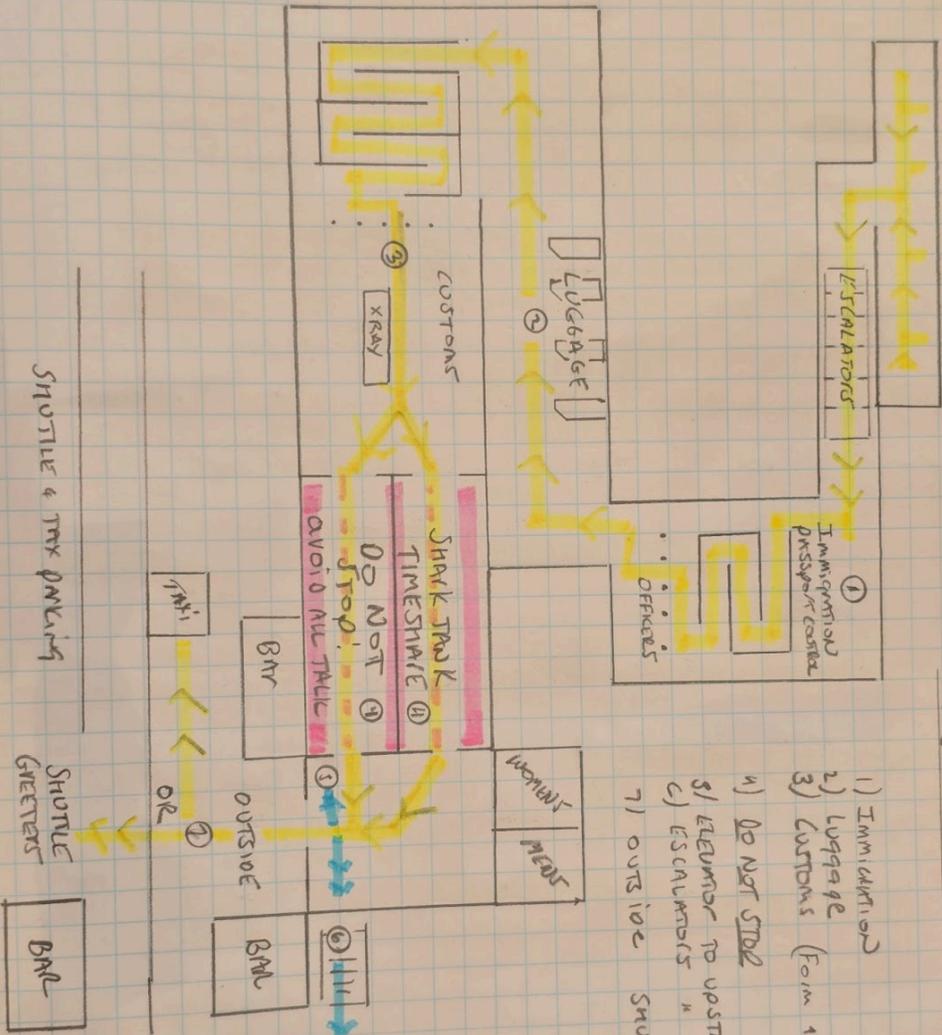
e) Navigating the airport

SJD is a small but very busy airport. During peak times it's pretty much nuts to butts until you get to your ride. When you first arrive you usually will go from the plane to a 3 minute shuttle ride to the terminal although some gates now empty directly into the terminal. Upon arrival you will herd like cattle over to the Immigration lines. Mexico is phasing out both Immigration and Custom forms. Custom forms are normally passed out on the plane. If not they have them in the hallway on the to immigration. One per family, so this is simply presenting your passport and answering a few questions on the purpose of your visit and maybe where you are staying (tell them Ventanas) and for how long. Usually quick and easy. Early flights, like before noon, often have very short lines. Later and afternoon flights have longer lines that can be long but usually not more than 30 minutes. There are some exceptions. BTW your "tourist visa" or permission to enter Mexico is good for up to 90 days and unlike some misinformation I've read in some forums here, Your passport only has to be good until the day you leave Mexico. Not an extra 6 months or 90 days like Europe and some other countries. That being said, if your passport is going to expire a few days after your scheduled return then get it renewed before you go. A flight cancellation or rare storm could cause you a headache. After immigration you will head to baggage claim. Once again here it's typically over crowded and takes a good amount of time for the baggage to arrive. After retrieving your luggage you will follow the crowd to customs. Here you will wait in line, go up to an agent when called, answer a few questions about tobacco or what's in your bag then press a button. It is completely random, green you are good, walk on through, red your luggage goes through an X-Ray machine and may be inspected. Note: Vapes are illegal and you are limited to one computer or ipad per person.

Now here is the best piece of advice about Cabo you will ever get! **After customs go through the doors and into the tunnel of love, not! In this hallway, it doesn't matter which way you go. It splits and then ends up in the same place. Here everyone and their mother will be vying for your attention. Asking if you need directions, a car rental, taxi, fishing, golf, timeshare, money exchange and who knows what else... WALK STRAIGHT THROUGH AND DO NOT STOP UNTIL YOU GET OUTSIDE!** When you see the light (the sun) you are all good. The taxi stand is on the right and the shuttles to car rentals and private drivers are just across the lane.

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STO LOS CABOS AIRPORT



- 1) IMMIGRATION
- 2) LUGGAGE
- 3) CUSTOMS (Form + Press Button)
- 4) DO NOT STOP
- 5) RETURN TO UPSTAIRS
- 6) ESCALATORS "
- 7) OUTSIDE SHUTTLES & TRX'S

f) Money. Pesos or Dollars

If you do want to convert, it is best to do it at a local bank before you go. Airport and exchange kiosks don't normally have a favorable exchange rate. Bring some small bills and cash for tipping. (USD is fine), while some locals would rather have pesos, money is money and most are happy to receive it. (Please Keep in mind that many of the locals rely on tips to feed their families so if they treat you well do the same.) **Take a credit card that has no foreign transaction fees and use this for your purchases and dining.** Make sure you let your bank card company know your travel plans so they don't block transactions. Also we suggest Visa or MasterCard as **some places don't take American Express or Discover.** **When you check out, ask the merchant to CHARGE YOUR CARD IN PESOS.** Thus your bank and not the merchant is doing the exchange. **This will typically give you a better conversion rate.** And hopefully the cash back or frequent flier miles will help get you back to Cabo sooner! Some people have a hard time understanding pesos. Here is a quick tip. The pesos is usually worth 5 - 7 cents in USD. So one way to do some quick math is to drop a zero and divide by 2. So 100 pesos is roughly 6 USD. Of course this fluctuates so when needed whip out your calculator.

g) Useful Apps & Tips

What's app- Best way to contact people in Mexico (instead of calling or texting)

Your airlines app- for entertainment and flight details.

Mobile Passport Control- Has a speed lane in immigration that helps give you more time. Note: After immigration you will have to retrieve your luggage, pass customs, recheck your luggage and go through TSA again before your final flight home.

Most cell carriers include Mexico with their normal plans. Familiarize yourself with how to make calls from Mexico (to the US and Mexico to Mexico) Restart your phone as soon as you land. To re-sync with towers.

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h) Cabo, what to bring, what not to bring, what to bring back.

We get many questions on what to pack and what not to pack. Keep in mind our Ventanas unit is fully stocked with pool towels, basic, snorkel gear, games, books, chairs, tennis racquets and full kitchen essentials. Here is a list of what to bring.

San Lucas offers a blend of relaxation and adventure, making it the perfect vacation spot. By packing smartly, you'll ensure a hassle-free trip and enjoy everything Cabo has to offer to the fullest. Safe travels and have a blast!

Essentials:

- 1. Travel Documents: Passport, travel insurance, and any reservation confirmations. Keep a clear scanned copy of your passport and ID on your phone.**
- 2. Cash & Cards: Mastercard and Visa widely accepted, having some pesos on hand is always a good idea. Discover is not accepted and American Express not always. Make sure your credit card doesn't have foreign transaction fees. Do not use debit cards. See more in our "Money" tips section.**
- 3. Bring your own beach towels (we do not provide)**

Clothing:

- 1. Swimwear: You'll probably live in these. Bring at least 2 sets. Don't forget we have a washer and dryer.**
- 2. Lightweight Clothing: Think breathable fabrics. Pack dresses, shorts, tank tops, and sundresses. Bring at least 1 light jacket or sweatshirt for cool nights or relaxing on the patio or rooftop.**
- 3. Evening Wear: Some restaurants and bars have dress codes, so bring a couple of nicer outfits.**
- 4. Beach Cover-ups: For when you're lounging by the pool or beach.**
- 5. Comfortable Shoes: Flip flops for the beach, sandals for walking around, and a pair of nice shoes for evenings out. Cabo is full of uneven sidewalks and sand so leave the high heels at home.**

Accessories:

1. **Sunhat & Sunglasses:** Protect yourself from the blazing sun.
2. **Beach Bag:** To carry your sunscreen, book, and other essentials.

Toiletries:

1. **Sunscreen: A must-have. Go for reef-safe options to protect marine life. Sunscreen is very expensive in Cabo.**
2. **Aloe Vera Gel:** In case you get a little too much sun.
3. **Basic Meds:** Pain relievers, any prescription meds, and anti-nausea pills if you plan on doing water activities. Make sure you bring prescriptions in original bottles in case you get questioned by customs.

Tech & Gadgets:

1. **Camera/Phone:** To capture all the memories.
2. **Chargers & Adapters:** Mexico uses the same plugs as the US, but it's always good to have a backup.
3. **Portable Speaker:** To set the vibe wherever you go.
4. **Firestick or Streaming service login info for our smart TVs.**

Note: Each person can bring 1 cell phone and 1 computer or tablet/ipad. After that the charge is big so plan accordingly. We also recommend using a VPN if you have one.

Mexican Customs allows you to bring

Up to 3 liters of Alcohol (in your checked bags of course) 25 Cigars. Of course you can buy Cubans in Cabo. We recommend J&J Cigars which also has great rum drinks and a smoking room and going to see Fernando Jara at Paradise Tequila who obviously has great tequila. You can also bring 10 packs of cigarettes. Although, cigarettes are cheaper in Cabo than in most states. Vapes of any kind and pot are illegal in Mexico.

What not to bring!

Cabo San Lucas is all about sun, sand, and good vibes. But while it's tempting to overpack, some items are better left at home. Here's what not to bring on your Mexican getaway.

1. **Bulky Sweaters and Heavy Jackets:** Leave your winter wear behind. Cabo's warm climate means you'll rarely need more than a light cover-up in the evenings.
2. **Expensive Jewelry:** While it's fun to accessorize, bringing expensive or sentimental jewelry isn't necessary. Opt for simple, inexpensive pieces that you won't worry about losing.
3. **Multiple Devices:** Trust me, you don't need a laptop, tablet, phone, and e-reader. Streamline your gadgets to keep packing light and stress-free.
4. **Too Much Cash:** You won't need to carry large amounts of cash. Cards are widely accepted, and there are plenty of ATMs if you need some local currency. **ONLY USE ATMs at the banks.**
5. **Valuable Electronics:** Leave your work laptop or other valuable electronics at home. You're on vacation—unplug and enjoy the moment!
6. **Dress Shoes:** You'll rarely need more than a pair of nice sandals. Skip the heavy, bulky dress shoes and opt for something lighter.
7. **Socks! & Long pants-** Almost no need, higher end places require nice clothes but not pants.
8. **Excessive Makeup:** The beachy, laid-back vibe of Cabo means you can go light on makeup. Pack your essentials, but skip the whole makeup kit.
9. **Vapes or drugs.** Both illegal. Big fines or worse. We know weed is legal in some states and Canada but if you partake, be careful and don't buy from a stranger or someone outside. 99% of the time It's fake or can hurt you.

What to bring home!

Cabo San Lucas offers more than just stunning beaches and vibrant nightlife; it's also a treasure trove of unique souvenirs. As your trip comes to an end, consider bringing back these local items to keep the Cabo magic alive.

1. **Fond memories and pictures!** Post often. Please post and check in **@BajaToms!**
2. **Mexican Vanilla:** Forget the vanilla extract from the grocery store. Mexican vanilla is richer and more flavorful. It's a perfect gift for yourself or any bakers in your life.
3. **Talavera Pottery:** This vibrant, hand-painted pottery is not only beautiful but also a wonderful piece of Mexican culture. From plates to vases, each piece is unique.

4. **Huichol Art:** Created by the indigenous Huichol people, these colorful bead and yarn artworks are both stunning and meaningful. They make for unique and eye-catching decorations.
5. **Handmade Jewelry:** Local artisans create stunning pieces using materials like silver, turquoise, and other local stones. These pieces are often unique and much more affordable than in bigger cities.
6. **Tequila or Mezcal:** Mexico is the birthplace of tequila, and Cabo is a great place to sample and purchase high-quality bottles. Look for ones you can't find back home. **GOING TO PARADISE TEQUILA IS A MUST!** Rules below
7. **Textiles:** From bright, woven blankets to embroidered clothing, Mexican textiles are a feast for the eyes. They make perfect souvenirs to add a splash of color to your home.
8. **Hot Sauce:** For those who love a bit of spice, grab a bottle of locally made hot sauce. You'll find flavors and heat levels you won't get anywhere else.
9. **Cabo Coffee:** Yes, Cabo has its own local coffee! Pick up a bag or two of this smooth, rich brew to enjoy a taste of Cabo mornings at home.
10. **Decorative Masks:** Hand-carved and often painted in vibrant colors, these masks can be a striking piece of wall art and a great conversation starter. Kids love these.
11. **Local Sweets:** Dulce de leche, cajeta (similar to caramel), and traditional candies are delightful treats to bring back for yourself or as gifts.

US Customs allow

1 Liter of Alcohol per person is tax free. 100 cigars or 200 cigarettes After that customs can charge you import tax.

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